September 5 - September 11, 2024 NEWS YOU CAN USE, NEWS YOU CAN TRUST 75¢

THE EAGLE

A PUBLICATION OF ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF MICHIGAN

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE • THE CANTON EAGLE • THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR • THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE • THE ROMULUS ROMAN • THE WAYNE EAGLE • THE WESTLAND EAGLE

No. 35 www.associatednewspapers.net

Community Calendar

Pumpkin Festival planned

The 26th Annual Pumpkin Festival in Romulus is set for Sept. 20, 21, and 22 at the Romulus Historical Park at 11147 Hunt St.

The annual Pumpkin Festival is a three-day event that starts on the third Friday in September. Our festival begins with the Parade of Lights, where everything is aglow, from bicycles to cement trucks. Thousands of people line Goddard Road to wait for the fun. The weekend street festival offers live music, food, crafts, and games for all ages. Officials said the downtown festival is a celebration of friends and family; a harvest celebration that generates an enthusiastic spirit and regenerates a sense of community.

A craft show, vendors booths and an expansive car show along with contests and games for all ages are planned during the event.

Register for citywide sale

The free city-wide yard sale in Romulus will take place Sept. 26, 27, 28 and 29 this year. Rain dates are Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Those planning a sale should register with the city on the application available at https://www.romulusgov.com/.../Spring-Fall-Citywide...

Registrations received by Friday, Sept. 20, will be included in a list of participating addresses published in "The Eagle" newspaper.

Contact the clerk's office at (734) 942-7540, clerk@romulusgov.com for more information.

Building a Stronger Westland topic of State of City address

Mayor Kevin Coleman will present the 2024 State of the City Address and Business Awards from 3 until 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the SoHo Banquet and Event Center.

Coleman's address is titled 'Building a Stronger Westland'.

Advance registration for the speech is required at www.LivoniaWestland.org.

Bowling benefits library

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce and the Friends of the Romulus Public Library are hosting a Bowling Night beginning with check in at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19 at Romulus Lanes. Bowling begins at 7 p.m.

The cost for the event is $25 per person and includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and pop and two mystery games.

There will be a cash bar available. Register and pay in advance at romuluschamber.org.

Romulus Lanes is located at 37452 Wet Huron River Dr. in Romulus.

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE Vol. 139, No. 35
THE CANTON EAGLE Vol. 77, No. 35
THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR Vol. 77, No. 35
THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE Vol. 24, No. 35
THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE Vol. 24, No. 35
THE ROMULUS ROMAN Vol. 139, No. 35
THE WAYNE EAGLE Vol. 77, No. 35
THE WESTLAND EAGLE Vol. 77, No. 35

Penn theater wins tax exemption battle

It took nearly 3 years, but The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth has prevailed in a long battle for a property tax exemption.

The financial burden of the tax could have become a factor in sustaining operations at the theater, according to Friends of the Penn Executive Director Ellen Elliott who spoke to an assembled crowd of concerned citizens during an informational meeting in August of 2023.

Friends of the Penn used private donations to save the theater from demolition and returned it to operation in 2006. The non-profit group took full ownership of the theater in December of 2021 after leasing the building for many years, paying about $25,000 annually in property taxes. With full ownership of the theatre by a non-profit, the theater should have been granted a property tax exemption, Elliott said.

The financial burden of the tax could have become a factor in sustaining operations at the theater.

The city of Plymouth denied the exemption, claiming the theater had not met the qualifications required of a non-profit group for tax-exempt status. Subsequently, Friends of the Penn appealed the decision to the Michigan Tax Tribunal prompting months of hearings and deliberation. The tax tribunal judge ruled last week that the Friends of the Penn does, in fact, qualify as a charitable institution and that the Penn qualifies as a non-profit theater.

She said 16 other non-profit theatres in the state currently enjoy the property tax exemption.

Friends of the Penn purchased the building in 2021 for $1.2 million and put another million dollars into the renovations, according to Elliott.

Penn Theatre is open Thursday-Sunday. For showtimes, visit Penn Theatre's website.

Road warrior

Romulus mayor accepts gruelling Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight has proven he is a man who enjoys a challenge. For the next week or so, he will have a chance to demonstrate those skills as one of a selected group participating in the Hoka Hey, an event designed to test the limits of physical and mental endurance while traveling across the country on a motorcycle. The 100 riders, selected from hundreds of applicants, are prohibited from using electronic navigation devices, highways or hotels or motels.

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight is currently participating the Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge, considered the toughest motorcycle endurance race in the country.

The Hoka Hey Motorcycle Challenge, considered the toughest motorcycle endurance race in the country takes place every two years and features travel on terrains designed to push riders and machines to the limits of their mental, physical and mechanical abilities. The event is steeped in Native American traditions and is similar to the ancient challenge faced by young Native American men to prove their worthiness and earn their designation as a warrior.

Riders in the Hoka Hey select a charity and accept pledges and donations as support for their participation in the challenge. McCraight, an avid motorcycle enthusiast and ardent supporter of veterans' causes, selected Foundation 14 as the charity he will ride for contributions.

Foundation 14 is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping veterans riding motorcycles. Founded eight years ago, Foundation 14 has helped 26 veterans by either providing them with specialized motorcycles that fit their specific disabilities or by assisting with a costly repair on an existing motorcycle. The goal is to get the veteran riding again and into positive social contact.

McCraight and the other riders began their challenge at the southernmost point on Aug 4 and are not told of their designated route to the northernmost point of the country. Some directions are provided at the starting point and further routes provided at specific checkpoints as the ride continues until Aug. 14.

"Simply put, I will be sleeping outside next to my bike for the duration of the event, using a compass and old school maps to find my way on the back roads," McCraight said. His goal, he said, is to generate $14,000 in contributions for Foundation 14. McCraight explained that Foundation 14 is a healthy alternative to some of the negative attitudes that sometimes come with serving in a forward armed forces combat unit. These negative behaviors can range from depression, seclusion, alcohol or drug abuse.

"During my years at Foundation 14, I have witnessed firsthand the efforts of Foundation 14 and how their work can change lives," McCraight said.

Donations to support McCraight's efforts can be made at shorturl.at/XlgYx.

Crowds, officials welcome first Michigan Sheetz

Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight declared Tuesday, Aug. 27 as "Sheetz Day" in the city during the grand opening celebration of the new facility last week.

Hundreds of area residents joined McCraight and several other elected Romulus officials in welcoming the new store to the community. Travis Sheetz, CEO of the Altoona, Pennsylvania-based gas station and convenience store chain, presented $5,000 checks to Special Olympics Michigan, Forgotten Harvest and Romulus Parks and Recreation during the opening ceremony. This is the first Sheetz location in Michigan. Sheetz said the company is planning more Michigan locations, expanding the 752 stores the company now operates across the country.

Crowds packed the location during the opening and filled the Wick Road parking lot with several people arriving as early as 5:30 a.m. hours before the scheduled 8 a.m. event.

"We felt like there was a void in the market for our type of offer, because it is unique with gas and food and everything else," Sheetz said during the grand opening. "And we like that it's a community-based area, because that's how we are. We're very attached to our community — we've been since the beginning — and we want to go to an area that resonates in that way."

Officials said the popularity of the well-known convenience store should help spur development in the new Romulus Trade Center nearby.

The store will be open 24/7 every day of the year, officials said. In addition to both indoor and outdoor dining the Romulus locations will feature a drive-through window. Grocery items will be available as will a menu of made-to-order foods and beverages, from breakfast to subs, pizza, and specialty drinks. The location, near Detroit Metro Airport, also features one of the largest EV (electronic vehicle) charging networks in the country.

The Romulus store is on a former vacant lot at 33380 Wick Road, off Interstate 94 and next to the Romulus Trade Center.

Family time

Children join 15-year barbeque volunteer

The Rotary Chicken Barbeque this Sunday during the Plymouth Fall Festival is a real family affair for Ron Schmyr and his entire family.
Schmyr, 65, his wife, seven children and his sons-in-law have been volunteering at the charity event for more than 15 years and they will be there again Sunday, manning the barbeque grills as more than 8,500 chickens are cooked to perfection.

"It's amazing to me that decades ago some engineer figured out how hot the grills had to be, how far from the coals the chickens should be and exactly how long it would take to get them to the perfect temperature," Schmyr said.
He said he and his family had been fascinated by the barbeque for decades as they live close to downtown Plymouth and the enticing aroma on Fall Festival Sunday would fill the air. "The kids grew up smelling the chicken," said.

When he moved his financial services business to downtown Plymouth, he joined the Rotary Club. That led to his first volunteer effort behind one of the enormous charcoal pits used to grill the chickens. He has eagerly maintained that position for more than 15 years and has been joined by two of his sons-in-law, his daughters and soon, he expects, three of his 11-year-old grandchildren.
A sense of being able to give something back to the community is ingrained in his family, Schmyr said.

He explained that when his family moved to Plymouth from downtown Detroit decades ago, he was amazed that a place like Plymouth even existed. He was used to the rigors of Detroit which at the time was experiencing serious unrest. "I saw tanks in the street when I was 8 years old" he recalled, "so coming to Plymouth was an explosion of senses."

Rotary Club member Ron Schmyr, brandishing the seasoning shaker, and his entire family have been volunteering at the Sunday Chicken Barbeque for more than 15 years.

He subsequently met his wife Julie when she was in the 5th grade and he in 7th and after their graduations they married and made their home in Plymouth where they raised their family.

"There is no other way to say it, this is just a very special community and I am very proud to be a part of it. I simply can't phrase it any other way, this is just a love affair with Plymouth," he said.
After 15 years, Schmyr has earned his spot near the head of the pit where he will man the grill from about 8 in the morning until 4 in the afternoon this Sunday, Sept. 8.

Canton Center Road closed for 'essential' repair work

The Wayne County Department of Public Services has temporarily closed Canton Center Road over Willow Creek, south of Joy Road in Canton Township to perform emergency repairs. The closure is necessary, according to officials, to address critical issues with the culvert and ensure the safety and functionality of the road.
Motorists are advised to use detour routes to navigate around the closure. Northbound traffic on Canton Center Road can proceed straight through the intersection of Canton Center Road and Sheldon Center Road, turn right onto Sheldon Center Road, then onto Sheldon rod. Continue north of Sheldon Road to Joy Road and then turn left onto Joy Road and continue west to Canton Center Road.
Southbound traffic on Canton Center Road should turn left onto Joy Road and travel east to Sheldon Road. Turn right onto Sheldon Road and proceed south to Sheldon Center Road and turn right onto Sheldon Center Road and continue to Canton Center Road.
Officials said the essential repairs would be completed as quickly as possible. For more information, contact the 24-hour customer service center at 888-762-3273.

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
April 9, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:19 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: LaPorte, Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Payroll/Elections Clerk Hadyniak, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, Water Superintendent Danci, and three (3) attendees.

3. **Agenda**: Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the April 9, 2024, agenda. Motion carried.

4. **Public Comment**: None.

5. **Minutes**:
   A. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of March 26, 2024. Motion carried.

6. **Warrants**:
   A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve warrants totaling $239,166.65. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to file and receive the Supervisor's report. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to file and receive the Attorney's report, Motion carried.

9. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy, to approve the Police/Ordinance report as presented by Chief Luke. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush, to file and receive the building report. Motion carried.

11. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to approve the Fire report as presented by Chief Brown. Motion carried.

12. **Board Response**:

- Trustee Rush received updates from Skywarning and would like to set up another class. Sumpter Township is the only municipality to be Skywarn certified.
- Treasurer Patterson wished Mrs. Ban a speedy recovery.
- Trustees LaPorte congratulated Chief Brown on ensuring all Firefighters are updated/early completing the State of Michigan protocols.
- Clerk Hurst asked about training for new Firefighters. Chief Luke advised they are considering an in-house instructor.

13. **New Business:**
   A. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the proposed front counter replacements in the Treasurer's and Clerk's Office. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   B. Motion by Bowman, supported by Patterson, to approve the posting from 04/10/2024 to 05/01/2024 for one full-time DPW worker at the AFSCME-approved wage and appropriate benefits. Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

   C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Bowman, to approve the hiring of Kristina Stencel as the Temporary, Part-time Clerk's Office Assistant for up to 29 hours per week at the AFSCME-approved hourly rate of $16.04, effective April 10, 2024, until November 15, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst; Trustees: Rush, LaPorte, Morgan, and Oddy. Nay: Treasurer Patterson. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: none

15. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush, to adjourn at 6:44 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Payroll/Election Clerk Hadyniak

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:07 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Morgan, Oddy, and Rush. Trustee LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, and 12 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the Agenda with moving Item E to the beginning. Motion carried.

Item E. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to promote patrol officer Sean Hudson to Sergeant, effective date April 22, 2024. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried. The badge was pinned on officer Hudson by his father.

4. Public Comment: One (1) attendee spoke.

5. Minutes: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to approve warrants totaling $753,840.53. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Finance report given by Holtz. ARPA reports due April 30, 2024. Royalties for fiscal year 2023 total $2,327,330.13. Looks like Feds will hold interest. Also, newsletter draft on table for review. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

8. Water/Sewer report: Motion by Patterson, supported by Bowman to receive and file the water/sewer report. Motion carried.

9. Treasurer's report given by Patterson. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

10. Planning & Zoning report given by Oddy. Still in discussion regarding the master plan and the proposed car wash is on the May 9, 2024, planning commission agenda. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to accept the planning/zoning report. Motion carried.

11. Board Response: Trustee Rush stated that Sumpter Township will be hosting the CWW meeting on June 7, 2024, at 9:30 am.

12. New Business:

A. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to approve the purchase of a new sewer pump for the Rawsonville Road pump station at a cost of $64,132 plus freight from Kennedy Industries. The current pump could not be repaired; a rebuilt pump would be $38,000. Each pump is unique. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy, to approve the purchase of a new control board for the Sumpter Road pump station at a total cost of $6,265.97. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve directing Township Manager Burdick to post/publish bid requests for ARPA obligated projects, with final approval by the township board. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to permit Priority Waste to transport, repair, paint, and partially decal designated recycling containers at a total cost of $1,500 each; expensed to obligated ARPA funds. Motion carried.

E. Moved up to the beginning of the meeting.

F. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to approve the use of the 2024 Employee Self-Evaluation and 2024 Employee Performance survey. Motion carried.

G. Consider approval of the Township Supervisor's office renovations at a cost of $47,860 plus fixtures/furniture cost of $8,000. Total project not to exceed the cost of $55,860. Discussion on security, the new wall would be ADA built, personnel felt glass was not necessary for protection. Supervisor talked with assessing and with office staff for suggestions. Supervisor and board members like the idea of a conference room available for the board to use. Discussion on how to advertise and receive sealed bids since the project is over $10,000 per the Township's purchasing policy. Item died for lack of a motion.

H. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to accept Kristina Stencel's resignation from the temporary part-time position. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Morgan, supported by Hurst to hire Kristina Stencel for the permanent part-time position at the hourly rate of $23.33, effective April 24, 2024. Discussion regarding temporary versus permanent employment. Discussion regarding the attorney obtaining permission from AFSCME to raise the temporary pay to $23.33 per hour. Oddy amended the motion to hire Kristina Stencel for a temporary part-time position at the hourly rate of $23.33, with AFSCME approval of pay rate, and retroactive to hire back date, Morgan supported. Roll call vote: Yes: Oddy, Rush, Morgan, Bowman. Nay: Patterson and Hurst. Motion carried.

13. Announcements: Rush stated he supported the Supervisor's office renovations.

14. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush, to adjourn at 6:50 pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township

ROMULUS DDA PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

September 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 2024

Romulus Rotary Parade of Lights- Friday, September 20th

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

4:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Food Trucks, Craft and Vendor Show	
4:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Bingo	Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	*Musical Entertainment - Main Stage	Pearl Handled Necktie (R&B/Soul)
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	*Fun Zone-Inflatable Bounce Houses & Games	
6:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Pumpkin Pub at the Historical Park Pavilion	Romulus Arts Council
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm	*Parade of Lights	Romulus Rotary Club
8:30 pm – 11:00 pm	*Musical Entertainment - Main Stage	Sunset Blvd (80's Rock)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

8:00 am – 10:30 am	Pancake Breakfast at the Historical Park Pavilion	Romulus Fire Dept. IAFF Local 4126
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Punkie's 5K Run/Walk/Ride	Romulus Recreation Department
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Classic Car Show	Chevelle Club of Michigan
11:00 am – 4:00 pm	*Pumpkin Painting Tent	
11:00 am – 8:00 pm	*Fun Zone-Inflatable Bounce Houses	
11:00 am – 11:00 pm	Food Trucks, Craft and Vendor Show	
11:00 am – 11:00 pm	Bingo	Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	*Historical Building Tours	Romulus Historical Society
1:30 pm – 2:15 pm	*Performance Entertainment - Freight House Stage	Greca Martial Arts Studio
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm	*Performance Entertainment - Freight House Stage	Step N Line
3:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Pumpkin Pub at the Historical Park Pavilion	Romulus Arts Council
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	*Pumpkin Chuckin Competition	
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	*Musical Entertainment - Main Stage	Dave Fio (Former American Idol Contestant)
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	*Musical Entertainment - Main Stage	Vince Moreno (Country)
8:00 pm - 10:00pm	Drink Special in the Pumpkin Pub!	Romulus Arts Council
9:00 pm – 11:00 pm	*Musical Entertainment - Main Stage	Larry Lee and Back in the Day (Motown/R&B)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

10:00 am – 11:30 am	Worship in the Park	Local Romulus Church Collaboration
11:00 am – 6:00 pm	*Food Trucks, Craft and Vendor Show	
11:00 am – 6:00 pm	*Fun Zone-Inflatable Bounce Houses	
11:00 pm – 6:00 pm	*Pumpkin Painting Tent	
11:00 am – 6:00 pm	Bingo	Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce
11:30 pm – 12:30 pm	*Hometown Heroes Ceremony	City of Romulus/UABB
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	*Historical Building Tours	Romulus Historical Society
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	*Artistic Expressions	God's Work Through Mime
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	*Music & Entertainment	Pastor Daniel Young and Friends
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	*Romulus' Got Talent Competition	UABB

*Denotes Free Activities
Please note that Schedule is subject to change. Check our website and facebook page for the most up-to-date list of events.

amazon AshleyCapital CarterExpress Jonna NorthPoint Development OHM Advisors OSBORNE Public Service Credit Union Republic Services Sustainability in Action SHEETZ ZYNP

Visit here or romulusgov.com for more info!

Honored

Last week, the City of Westland honored former Community Media Director Craig Welkenbach who passed away earlier this year. Mr. Welkenbach served the community for more than 25 years earning many awards and the love and respect of everyone he came in contact with, officials said during the dedication of the plaque marking the renaming of the building. "In recognition of all that he did for the city and for the friend he was to so many people, the WLND Studios have been dedicated in his honor and are now officially called The Welkenbach Studios," noted officials before a large crowd who attended the ceremony in memory of Mr. Welkenbach.

Welkenbach Studios
Dedicated in loving memory of Craig Welkenbach.
Craig dedicated more than 25 years of service to the
City of Westland as Community Media Director.
Throughout his tenure, Craig garnered numerous accolades
for his exceptional work in video production. Admired for
his infectious smile by his family, friends and co-workers,
his presence is missed by all who knew him.
August 29, 2024

THE EAGLE

A PUBLICATION OF ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF MICHIGAN

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE • THE CANTON EAGLE • THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR • THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE • THE ROMULUS ROMAN • THE WAYNE EAGLE • THE WESTLAND EAGLE

To Subscribe to The Eagle, visit www.associatednewspapers.net

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bart Patterson introduced speaker Bill Kenyon with the Maxwell Leadership Certified Team. Mr. Kenyon spoke about holding a session on customer service. Good is the enemy of great. Even though the staff is good, there is always room for improvement.

No workshop.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte and Morgan. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, and 9 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the agenda with the removal of Item H. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: One (1) attendee spoke. Welcome back Mary Ban.

5. Minutes:
A. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to approve the regular board meeting minutes of April 23, 2024. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve warrants totaling $302,107.62. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to receive and file the supervisor's report. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's report by Young. No report. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to accept the no report. Motion carried.

9.Police Report by Chief Luke: Gave report and stated Rawsonville and Willis was top crash site in Sumpter. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to accept the police report. Motion carried.

10. Building Report by Bowman. Motion by Patterson, supported by LaPorte to accept the building report. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report by Chief Brown. 109 runs, 83 were medical for the month of April. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy to accept the fire report as read. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Rush reminded everyone of the June 14, 2024, CWW meeting at the Township Hall.

Township manager Burdick reported that the next ARPA meeting is May 22, 2024, There is a Memorial Day parade on that day at 10:00 am in Belleville and that this is National Police Week. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush to accept the township manager's report. Motion carried.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve Resolution 2024-04 for the 2023-2024 Wayne County Millage funding allocation of $13,517.00. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Morgan, supported by Hurst, to approve the AFSCME acceptance for any temporary part-time position to be paid at a rate of $23.33 per hour, effective April 10, 2024. Discussion: Patterson believes it is excessive, but will go along with the vote. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve Resolution 2024-05 regarding Tri-Community redistricting borders. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by LaPorte to approve invoice #5106 from Bush & Son for $1,316.00 using ARPA funds. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to extend the temporary DPW worker, Rachel Scott, until July 24, 2024. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy for approval of the interview committee of candidates for the full-time AFSCME, Department of Public Works position, committee members, LaPorte, Holtz, Bowman, Armatis and Danci. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Morgan, supported by Hurst, to hire Gabriella Massel for the temporary part-time position at the hourly rate of $23,33, effective May 6, 2024 ending November 15, 2024. Discussion: Patterson did not like the process, Hurst responded went through the process once, now time is running out, Oddy agreed process going forward needs to be followed. Roll Call Vote: Yay: Morgan, Rush, LaPorte, Oddy, Hurst. Nay: Patterson, Bowman. Motion carried.

H. **REMOVED.** Consider approval of the proposal and retainer fee of $2,500.00 for SSA Architects to design the Supervisor's office renovation.

14. Announcements: LaPorte stated that the fire department switched over to Clemis successfully due to Chief Brown and Jamie Goode, great job and that driver's training for the whole department had been completed.
Mary Ban announced a spiritual revival at the River of Life Church, this Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

15. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush, to adjourn at 6:34 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, and 12 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

4. Presentation of awards to Sumpter Township police officers (see attached).

5. Public Comment. 1 attendee spoke.

6. Minutes: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2024, and accept the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of February 29, 2024. Motion carried.

7. Warrants: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve warrants totaling $83,880.21. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

8. Finance report given by Holtz. Royalty spreadsheet in the packet, along with the April statements. The MERS actuary is on the way. Rana (auditor) will be in the township the week of July 8 and July 29. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

9. Water/Sewer report: Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan, to receive and file the water/sewer report. Motion carried.

10. Treasurer's report: Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to receive and file the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

11. Planning & Zoning report given by Oddy. Still in discussion regarding the master plan. Items A-D recommendations on the agenda. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to accept the planning/zoning report. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Trustee Rush stated that Sumpter Township will be hosting the CWW meeting on June 14, 2024, at 9:30 am. Trustee Oddy thanked Supervisor Bowman for attending the Veteran's memorial ceremony on Memorial Day. Oddy would also like to see the workshop reinstated at board meetings. Supervisor Bowman stated that at the next board meeting, he would have a proposal from Wade Hoppe on the table for consideration for renovations in the Supervisor's and Clerk's office.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to deny the request for special land use of a private cemetery at 21232 Karr Road. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve the burn permit fees. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy, supported by Bowman, to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve adding specified language to Section 5.3 of the township ordinance. Amending Section 5.3, accessory buildings, structures as follows: One (1) detached accessory structure in conformance with Section 5.3, Accessory Buildings, Structures, and Uses with the intent of 100% habitable space for an immediate family member in addition to the principal building shall be permitted in the AG-RM zoning districts. Such structures shall adhere to all applicable building codes and sections within this ordinance. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission adding footnote "j" language to Section 4.18 of the township ordinance. Amending Section 4.18, schedule of area, height, and placement regulations as follows: Add footnote "j" to Section 4.18 – schedule of area, height, and placement regulations, to be placed in "Minimum Floor Area Per Dwelling Unit (d)" column in AG-RM zoning districts. Footnote "j" will contain the following: "Subject to Planning Commission approval, proposed single-family dwelling units may be constructed with a size less than 1,200 square feet, subject to meeting all applicable building codes and zoning ordinance requirements." Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve the proposal for the Leadership Discovery Session with Bill Kenyon and the Maxwell Leadership Team for $750.00. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Patterson, supported by Oddy, to approve the Carleton Farms Landfill stormwater drain extension maintenance agreement subject to the attorney's final approval. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: Clerk Hurst reminded everyone of the Red Cross Blood Drive at the community center on May 29, 2024.

15. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush, to adjourn at 6:36 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst — Esther Hurst, Clerk — 5-31-24 — Date

Timothy Bowman — Timothy Bowman, Supervisor — 6-3-24 — Date

HAMERINK DENTAL
PERSONALIZED DENTAL CARE

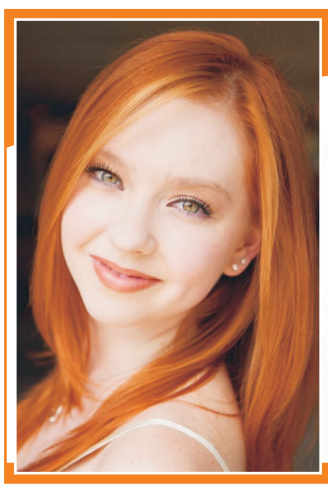
John D. Hamerink, M.S., D.D.S

Howard A. Hamerink, DDS

159 South Harvey
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 455-8686

Monday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

www.HamerinkDental.com



MENTION THIS AD GET $10 OFF

Full Service Salon & Spa
- Purely Pro Cosmetics
- Talika Specific Beauty Treatments
- Dermalogica Skin Care Systems
- Moroccan Oil Conditioning
- Keune Products
- European Facials
- Full Waxing Services

Jessie Simcheck Owner & Stylist
Affordable Elegance
SALON Tré BellaV

105 N. Center Street · Northville · (248) 305-9850
trebellav@gmail.com

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:01 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

No workshop.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Oddy, Rush, LaPorte. Excused Clerk Hurst and Trustee Morgan. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Finance Director Holtz, Water Superintendent Danci and 6 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the agenda. Oddy would like to see the workshop done before the regular board meeting starts, Bowman wants to eliminate the workshop, to be discussed in the future. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment/Open Floor: Two (2) attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:
A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the regular board meeting minutes of May 28, 2024. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve warrants totaling $146,350.88. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to receive and file the supervisor's report. Motion carried.

8. Attorney's report by Young. Young reported that blight enforcement is going strong and he is in court once a month for blight. A bill out there to establish a storm water committee. Need to add E. Campbell to DPW interview committee due to Bowman excusing himself, since this committee was board approved. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to accept the report. Motion carried.

Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to add Item H to the agenda adding E. Campbell to DPW hiring committee replacing Bowman. Motion carried.

9. Police Report by Chief Luke: Gave report and stated Rawsonville and Willis was top crash site in Sumpter. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to accept the police report. Motion carried.

10. Building Report by Bowman. Motion by Patterson, supported by Rush to accept the building report as read. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report by Chief Brown. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to accept the fire report as read. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: Rush discussed the weather, and Sumpter is Storm Ready. Rush reminded everyone of the June 14, 2024, CWW meeting at the Township Hall. Manager Burdick stated next meeting would have AFSCME request for floater holiday for July 5, 2024. Patterson discussed fire millage; people need to study.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to deny all bids received for the floating dock framework and deckway. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Patterson, supported by LaPorte, to approve the annual employee cookout for June 28, 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Oddy supported by Rush to approve the employment agreement for Fire Chief Richard Brown, effective June 24, 2024. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson to approve the volunteer's plan to refresh the Banotai Park playscape, including removing the wood split rail fence around the playscape, utilizing ARPA funds with expenses approved by the board of trustees. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Oddy, supported by Patterson, to approve the CWA proposal to conduct the building department audit and assessment at a charge not to exceed $7,000.00. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Patterson, supported by Bowman for approval of the CWA proposal to renew the retainer with monthly fees effective September 1st for 2024 and rates effective each January 1st for 2025, 2026, and 2027. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Bowman, supported by Oddy, to **table** accepting the recycling concrete pad bid submitted by Diversified Excavating in the amount of $56,400.00 paid with ARPA funds for more specific information. Since the bid is $20,000 higher than planned, Oddy would like to know which ARPA project the extra money would be taken from. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to add E. Campbell to the DPW hiring committee in place of Bowman. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: The June Jingle will be on June 20, 2024, under the pavilion while the Summer Vendor Market is taking place.

15. Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to adjourn at 6:34 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:
Deputy Clerk K. Armatis
Sumpter Township

Sumpter Township
Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 25, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bowman at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Supervisor Bowman, Clerk Hurst, Treasurer Patterson, Trustees: Morgan, Oddy, LaPorte, and Rush. Also showing present: Township Manager Burdick, Deputy Clerk Armatis, Finance Director Holtz, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke, Fire Chief Brown, Water Superintendent Danci and 15 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush, to approve the Agenda with the removal of Item A under Unfinished Business. Discussion on where the $20,000 difference in price would come from. Roll call vote: Yes: Oddy, Rush, Morgan, Hurst. Nay: Bowman, LaPorte, Bowman. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment. 5 attendees spoke.

5. Minutes: Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2024. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by Rush, supported by Patterson, to approve warrants totaling $203,392.38. Roll call vote: Yes: All in favor. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Finance report given by Holtz. Royalty spreadsheet in the packet, along with the May statements. Royalties are down 3% from last year. Motion by Patterson, supported by LaPorte, to approve the finance report. Motion carried.

8. Water/Sewer report: Report read by Danci, also on the board table is the Miss Digs for drain cleaning projects by Wayne County. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve the water/sewer report. Motion carried.

9. Treasurer's report: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Bowman, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

10. Planning & Zoning report given by Oddy. Still in discussion regarding the master plan. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush, to accept the planning/zoning report. Motion carried.

11. Board Response: Trustee Rush stated that Sumpter Township dodged a bullet in the weather again. Township Manager Burdick gave an update on ARPA focus group discussions, final meeting is June 27, 2024. Bids on doors and parks paving are in and being reviewed. Township parking lot bids are due June 28, 2024. Playscape bids will be coming in also. He would like a review committee for projects. June 28, 2024, at Banotai Park is playscape clean up from 5-7 pm.

12. Unfinished Business:

A. **REMOVED.** Consider approval to accept the bid for the Concrete Pad Recycling submitted by Diversified Excavating in the amount of $56,400 to be paid utilizing ARPA funds.

13. New Business:

A. Motion by Patterson, supported by Hurst, to approve the Mileage Reimbursement Policy. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy, to approve AFSCME using the floating holiday on July 5, 2024. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy, to approve the renewal of the Provident Accident & Health Policy for the fire department at a premium of $5,295.00. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush, to approve hiring Rachel Scott for the full-time DPW position effective June 24, 2024, at the hourly rate of $28.83 with AFSCME benefits. Motion carried.

E. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Oddy, to approve the proposal for Jan-Pro to clean the Banotai Park restrooms 2 times weekly at $395.00 per month. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None.

15. Motion by Bowman, supported by Rush, to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk K. Armatis Sumpter Township

Township of Sumpter
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL(S)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI, will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to **10:00 a.m. Friday, September 18, 2024**, for the following:

GRAHAM PARK
TREE REMOVAL, LIMBING & UNDERBRUSH
24560 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/townshipofsumpter; proposal packets can be found at the Clerk's Office and the Township website at https://sumptertwp.org/bid-opportunities/. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address, and telephone number. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability in employment or the provisions of services.

Esther Hurst, Clerk
Published: September 5, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A public hearing on the proposed 2025 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 7:30 PM in the library's Friends' Activity Room. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road,
Canton, Michigan 48188. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the library.

Eva Davis
Library Director

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 19, 2024, for the following:

BARCHESTER PARK PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

Proposals may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 9/5/2024